

# SENATE, No. 3736

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DEP to make certain information regarding water purveyors available on its Internet website.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning public access to information concerning water  
2 purveyors and supplementing P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-1 et  
3 seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The department shall publish on its Internet website, in an  
9 easily accessible format, and update as appropriate:

10 (1) each mitigation plan submitted by a water purveyor pursuant  
11 to section 5 of P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-5), if applicable;

12 (2) each certification submitted by a water purveyor pursuant to  
13 section 6 of P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-6); and

14 (3) each report submitted by a water purveyor based on its asset  
15 management plan pursuant to subsection b. of section 7 of  
16 P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-7).

17 b. The department shall publish the documents required  
18 pursuant to subsection a. of this section no later than 30 days after  
19 receipt of the documents from a water purveyor.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This bill would require the Department of Environmental  
27 Protection (DEP) to make certain information regarding water  
28 purveyors available on its Internet website.

29 Under the “Water Quality Accountability Act” (WQAA),  
30 P.L.2017, c.133 (C.58:31-1 et seq.), whenever a water purveyor is  
31 issued three notices of violation for any reason, or two notices of  
32 violation related to an exceedance of a maximum contaminant level,  
33 the water purveyor is required to submit a mitigation plan for the  
34 violations. Additionally, a water purveyor is required to certify in  
35 writing each year that the water purveyor complies with all federal  
36 and State drinking water regulations. Finally, the WQAA requires  
37 each water purveyor to submit to the DEP a report based on its asset  
38 management plan. Under the bill, the DEP would be required to  
39 make available on its Internet website, and update as appropriate,  
40 each mitigation plan, annual WQAA certification, and asset  
41 management plan report submitted by a water purveyor.